

# Karkin language

The **Karkin language** (also called *Los Carquines* in Spanish) is one of eight Ohlone languages. It was formerly spoken in north central California, but by the 1950s there were no more native speakers.<sup>[2]</sup> The language was historically spoken by the Karkin people, who lived in the Carquinez Strait region in the northeast portion of the San Francisco Bay estuary.<sup>[3]</sup>

Karkin's only documentation is a single vocabulary obtained by linguist-missionary Felipe Arroyo de la Cuesta at Mission Dolores in 1821.<sup>[4]</sup> Although meager, the records of Karkin show that it constituted a distinct branch of Ohlone, strikingly different from the neighboring Chochenyo Ohlone language and other Ohlone languages spoken farther south.<sup>[5]</sup>

<b>Karkin</b>	
<b>Native to</b>	United States
<b>Region</b>	California
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Karkin people
<b>Extinct</b>	1950s
<b>Language family</b>	Yok-Utian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Utian</li> <li>▪ Ohlone</li> <li>▪ Karkin</li> </ul>
<b>Language codes</b>	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	krb
<b>Glottolog</b>	kark1259 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/kark1259">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/kark1259</a> ) <sup>[1]</sup>

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## External links

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- [Karkin language](http://linguistics.berkeley.edu/~survey/languages/karkin.php) (<http://linguistics.berkeley.edu/~survey/languages/karkin.php>) overview at the [Survey of California and Other Indian Languages](#)
- [Costanoan/Ohlone Indian Language](http://www.native-languages.org/ohlone.htm) (<http://www.native-languages.org/ohlone.htm>)
- ["OLAC resources in and about the Karkin language"](http://www.language-archives.org/language/krb) (<http://www.language-archives.org/language/krb>). Retrieved 2012-12-09.

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